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The Honorable Bob Stump
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-4002

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Emergency Supplemental Act for fiscal year 2000 (P.L. 106-246) states that no funds made available under Chapter 1 of Title III of the Act "may be obligated or expended for training, logistics support, planning or assistance contracts for any overseas activity until 15 days after the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict reports to the defense congressional committees on the value, duration and purpose of such contracts."

Enclosed is the twelfth submission for efforts associated with a contract in support of Colombian Aviation training. This involves a contract with Lockheed Martin Corporation to provide two UH-1 Helicopter Simulator Suites. These suites will be installed in Colombia, where they will be used in support of on-going counterdrug pilot training under Plan Colombia. It is anticipated that when initial pilot training is completed, the suites will remain in Colombia to be used for future training events and to sustain Colombian Pilot skills. This is in support of helicopter training captured under the Emergency Supplemental Act for fiscal year 2000. Subsequent reports will be forwarded for other programs in support of Plan Colombia as additional contracts are identified.

Once again, we appreciate your support, which has been critical in providing the necessary funding to support Plan Colombia.

Sincerely,

Robert Andrews
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for
Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict

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CF: The Honorable Ike Skelton, Ranking Member
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**Report on
Training/Logistics support/Planning/Assistance /Contracts
For Overseas Activities Funded by Title III/Chapter I of FY 2001 Supplemental
Appropriation**

Item: Purchase and installation of Helicopter Simulator Suites for use in Colombia.

Description: Funding will be used to purchase two UH-1 Helicopter Simulator Suites. These suites will be installed in Colombia where they will be used in support of on-going counterdrug pilot training under Plan Colombia. It is anticipated that when initial pilot training under this plan is completed, the suites will remain in country for use in future training and to sustain pilot flight skills. One suite will be upgraded to Huey II configuration so as to be useful in the transition training program when the Huey II becomes the mainstay of the Colombian Military counterdrug aviation program.

Value: Not in excess of \$6,500,000.

Duration: Propose letting contract in early April 2002 with delivery of the first suite 6 to 8 months later. Second suite will take up to 14 months since upgrade to Huey II configuration is required.

Purpose: This training requirement is in direct support of Plan Colombia. Helicopters are being provided to the Colombian military to support counterdrug operations by the Counterdrug Brigade. To be effective, the Colombian pilots must be fully qualified in the aircraft. Certain skills are better trained in simulators than in actual aircraft (e.g. emergency procedures) . Additionally, pilots are required to undergo 10 to 20 hours of simulator training annually to remain current. These simulator suites will support both training and skills sustainment of the Colombian Aviation personnel.